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**PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE LINKS AMENITIES, PROMOTES CONNECTIVITY AT GARFIELD PARK**

INDIANAPOLIS – (May 20, 2009) The Friends of Garfield Park Inc. and Indy Parks & Recreation will celebrate the installation of the new pedestrian bridge at Garfield Park with a dedication at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 21.

The new pedestrian bridge over Bean Creek at Garfield Park on the City's Southside links the Conservatory and Sunken Garden to the MacAllister Center for Performing Arts and the Arts Center. The \$120,000 Friends of Garfield Park Inc. project promotes connectivity so that visitors may easily explore all areas of the park.

"This new footbridge represents the synergy of the staff at the Arts Center, Conservatory and Sunken Garden, and Family Center to create programs and activities that connect the park's amenities," said Garfield Park Senior Manager Lynda Burrello. "The bridge links our efforts to make Garfield Park a destination where a family can come and spend the whole day and visit all the facilities at low or no cost."

At the dedication, longtime Garfield Park patron and neighborhood resident Mary Jane Mattingly will share memories that her family has experienced at Garfield Park for four generations.

The bridge was constructed with support from Midwest Concrete Pumping & Construction, Excel Bridge Manufacturing, Maxim Crane Works, Foresight Engineering, First Class Lawn & Landscape, The Marie Schoch Estate, The Efroymson Fund, and the many donors to the "Bricks for the Bridge" campaign.

"One of the key bridges to sustain the future of Indy Parks is partnerships," said Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowy. "We are celebrating a project that personifies the spirit of those partnerships and highlights the connection between Indy Parks and our friends at Garfield Park. We hope to have many more successes like this as we work together to enhance our parks."

**WHAT: DEDICATION OF "FRIENDS BRIDGE" AT GARFIELD PARK**



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**WHO:** INDY PARKS DIRECTOR STUART LOWRY, FRIENDS OF GARFIELD PARK INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SENIOR DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT MARK BOWELL, GARFIELD PARK SENIOR MANAGER LYNDA  
BURRELLO, LONGTIME GARFIELD PARK PATRON AND NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENT MARY JANE  
MATTINGLY AND FAMILY

**WHERE:** GARFIELD PARK ARTS CENTER  
2432 CONSERVATORY DRIVE  
(AT THE BRIDGE BEHIND THE SUNKEN GARDEN)  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

**WHEN:** 11 A.M. THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

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